

Hydrological Summary for Great Britain

NOVEMBER 1994

Rainfall

November was dull and remarkably mild; the provisional 'Central England' temperature estimate for the month suggests that the previous warmest November (1881) in a series from 1659 has been eclipsed by a significant margin. Many parts of Great Britain registered their warmest November on record with night-time temperatures being exceptionally high. This was one consequence of a dominant south-westerly airflow and the heavily overcast conditions; total sunshine hours were the second lowest, for November, in the last 25 years over large parts of England. Rainfall continued in the episodic vein which has characterised much of the last four months. The very wet late-October weather continued into November culminating in notable frontal rainfall on the 9th and 13th. Thereafter, the succession of frontal systems generally became less vigorous and, over the final fortnight, precipitation was restricted mostly to light drizzle and fog drip in the English lowlands; 14-day rainfall totals of <3 mm were common. Notwithstanding the marked temporal contrast the monthly rainfall total for Great Britain was close to the 1961-90 average and regional totals were well within the normal range; western areas were mostly a little wetter than normal with below average rainfall typifying many low-lying eastern districts - some localities in East Anglia recorded only around half of the November mean. Nonetheless autumn rainfall totals exceed the average throughout most of England and Wales but are appreciably below average in most of Scotland. For a few pockets, mostly in north-eastern Britain, relatively dry conditions stretch back to early May but regional rainfall deficiencies in this timeframe moderated during November. Rainfall totals for 1994 thus far are close to, or above, average - notably so in the South-West. Accumulated rainfall totals are also well above average - for most regions - over the period from the beginning of autumn 1992.

River Flow

Generally the brisk recovery in river flows during the third week of October continued into November and minor spates were common over the initial fortnight. With catchments saturated from around the 8th, minor flooding was reported from North Wales and northern England over the following five days and bankfull flows were widespread on the 13/14th. Subsequently

recessions became established in most areas, some were sustained into December but, boosted by the impact of the late-October rainfall, November runoff totals were generally above average, notably so in south-western Britain. Exceptions could be found in north-western Scotland and in impervious catchments close to the east coast. The Leven (Northumbria) and Whiteadder for example, recorded less than 80% of their November mean - more significantly they registered, respectively, their ninth and eighth successive month below average but accumulated totals are greatly above those registered in 1989 and 1990. From the late spring below average rainfall characterises many permeable English lowland catchments but healthy baseflow contributions has maintained late summer and autumn flows near to the seasonal average. A few such catchments have established record runoff accumulations in the two-year timeframes and, generally long term runoff totals are well above average.

Groundwater

In groundwater terms, November is often a transitional month with recoveries gathering momentum in western aquifers and the seasonal recessions close to termination in the deeper Chalk wells in eastern England. November 1994 conformed to this pattern although the monthly recording cycle in some areas undoubtedly masked significant within-month variability. In the Chalk, levels increased steeply at West Woodyates Manor and are rising at, for example, Rockley and Compton but in Norfolk and the eastern Chilterns, where levels have been exceptionally high over the last year, the water-table continued a gentle decline in November. In the more responsive Great Oolite a brisk recovery has taken place and appreciable upturns characterise most of the Permo-Triassic outcrops also. Levels in the great majority of index wells are reasonably close to the late autumn average and soils in the majority of outcrop areas are at, or close to, saturation. Given rainfall within the normal range, a full winter's recharge season may therefore be anticipated.

General

November was a remarkable month climatologically but unexceptional in hydrological terms. Water resources are generally healthy and the outlook for 1995 is encouraging.



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A map (Figure 3) is provided to assist in the location of the principal monitoring sites.

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MORECS

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TABLE 1 1993/94 RAINFALL AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 1961-90 AVERAGE

Note: The monthly rainfall figures are the copyright of The Meteorological Office. These data may not be published or passed on to any unauthorised person or organisation.

| | | Nov 1993 | Dec | Jan 1994 | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| England and Wales | mm | 74 | 167 | 123 | 82 | 96 | 74 | 61 | 35 | 46 | 70 | 105 | 104 | 93 |
| | % | 82 | 178 | 140 | 130 | 133 | 123 | 95 | 54 | 74 | 92 | 136 | 122 | 103 |
| NRA REGIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North West | mm | 65 | 247 | 159 | 71 | 165 | 107 | 31 | 73 | 67 | 104 | 108 | 124 | 126 |
| | % | 53 | 199 | 131 | 91 | 174 | 151 | 41 | 90 | 79 | 97 | 94 | 97 | 102 |
| Northumbrian | mm | 63 | 136 | 107 | 71 | 84 | 63 | 27 | 39 | 39 | 81 | 76 | 71 | 98 |
| | % | 73 | 168 | 127 | 120 | 120 | 113 | 44 | 65 | 60 | 100 | 104 | 93 | 114 |
| Severn Trent | mm | 67 | 139 | 95 | 71 | 75 | 57 | 55 | 23 | 43 | 53 | 127 | 67 | 73 |
| | % | 94 | 181 | 136 | 131 | 123 | 104 | 93 | 39 | 81 | 79 | 198 | 105 | 102 |
| Yorkshire | mm | 63 | 136 | 116 | 68 | 71 | 61 | 45 | 28 | 52 | 58 | 100 | 74 | 89 |
| | % | 79 | 164 | 147 | 117 | 104 | 103 | 75 | 47 | 88 | 78 | 147 | 102 | 111 |
| Anglian | mm | 70 | 85 | 73 | 45 | 53 | 51 | 51 | 25 | 41 | 56 | 90 | 67 | 34 |
| | % | 121 | 155 | 146 | 122 | 113 | 111 | 106 | 49 | 84 | 102 | 184 | 131 | 59 |
| Thames | mm | 47 | 105 | 97 | 59 | 51 | 57 | 80 | 25 | 21 | 50 | 75 | 87 | 51 |
| | % | 72 | 150 | 152 | 131 | 91 | 114 | 143 | 45 | 43 | 86 | 127 | 140 | 78 |
| Southern | mm | 63 | 154 | 124 | 64 | 57 | 77 | 91 | 39 | 29 | 69 | 91 | 113 | 58 |
| | % | 74 | 188 | 155 | 119 | 90 | 145 | 169 | 72 | 60 | 121 | 132 | 142 | 68 |
| Wessex | mm | 63 | 167 | 126 | 100 | 80 | 62 | 90 | 24 | 34 | 68 | 99 | 107 | 94 |
| | % | 76 | 180 | 145 | 154 | 114 | 117 | 148 | 42 | 65 | 103 | 138 | 135 | 114 |
| South West | mm | 107 | 263 | 186 | 174 | 125 | 94 | 100 | 32 | 48 | 101 | 132 | 132 | 130 |
| | % | 86 | 189 | 135 | 172 | 126 | 136 | 139 | 46 | 70 | 120 | 142 | 113 | 104 |
| Welsh | mm | 113 | 275 | 182 | 131 | 184 | 116 | 68 | 57 | 64 | 88 | 132 | 140 | 134 |
| | % | 80 | 180 | 127 | 135 | 172 | 145 | 83 | 72 | 83 | 87 | 115 | 102 | 94 |
| Scotland | mm | 76 | 234 | 215 | 96 | 250 | 133 | 30 | 110 | 66 | 101 | 103 | 115 | 165 |
| | % | 50 | 155 | 142 | 94 | 200 | 175 | 35 | 128 | 70 | 86 | 73 | 74 | 109 |
| RIVER PURIFICATION BOARDS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highland | mm | 67 | 275 | 248 | 74 | 341 | 185 | 39 | 148 | 62 | 112 | 153 | 119 | 186 |
| | % | 33 | 140 | 132 | 58 | 210 | 203 | 42 | 151 | 58 | 88 | 89 | 60 | 92 |
| North East | mm | 44 | 115 | 131 | 110 | 106 | 77 | 16 | 56 | 39 | 48 | 92 | 81 | 96 |
| | % | 44 | 124 | 132 | 169 | 136 | 128 | 23 | 85 | 53 | 55 | 106 | 84 | 97 |
| Tay | mm | 77 | 175 | 206 | 117 | 219 | 96 | 22 | 89 | 47 | 81 | 56 | 127 | 151 |
| | % | 64 | 138 | 143 | 123 | 201 | 155 | 27 | 122 | 61 | 86 | 49 | 98 | 125 |
| Forth | mm | 73 | 189 | 161 | 88 | 210 | 84 | 21 | 75 | 55 | 78 | 57 | 99 | 122 |
| | % | 65 | 172 | 136 | 111 | 223 | 142 | 28 | 109 | 73 | 83 | 52 | 86 | 109 |
| Tweed | mm | 55 | 176 | 141 | 86 | 124 | 72 | 20 | 52 | 42 | 70 | 58 | 74 | 106 |
| | % | 59 | 189 | 141 | 128 | 157 | 126 | 28 | 80 | 58 | 80 | 65 | 78 | 114 |
| Solway | mm | 97 | 269 | 204 | 116 | 195 | 124 | 28 | 79 | 102 | 121 | 77 | 132 | 178 |
| | % | 67 | 182 | 131 | 115 | 167 | 161 | 33 | 94 | 113 | 102 | 54 | 84 | 124 |
| Clyde | mm | 114 | 306 | 268 | 110 | 301 | 149 | 38 | 141 | 99 | 143 | 98 | 138 | 220 |
| | % | 63 | 171 | 142 | 93 | 205 | 177 | 42 | 152 | 91 | 107 | 55 | 72 | 122 |

Note: The monthly rainfall figures for the NRA regions for October and November correspond to the MORECS areal assessments derived by the Meteorological Office. In northern England these initial assessments may have a particularly wide error band associated with them. The figures for the RPB regions for October and November 1994 were derived by IH in collaboration with the RPBs. The provisional figures for England and Wales and for Scotland are derived using a different raingauge network. Regional areal rainfall figures are regularly updated (normally one or two months in arrears) using figures derived from a far denser raingauge network.

TABLE 2 RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD ESTIMATES

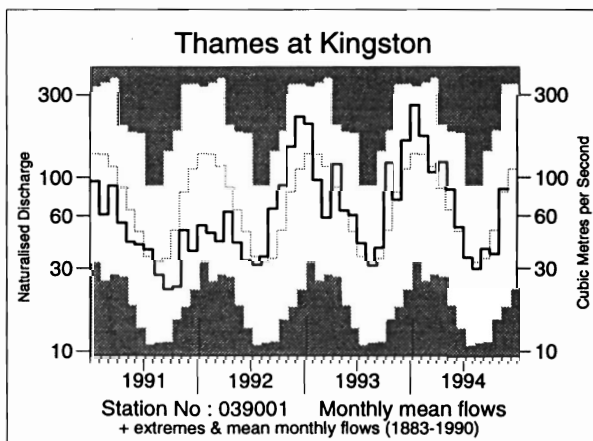
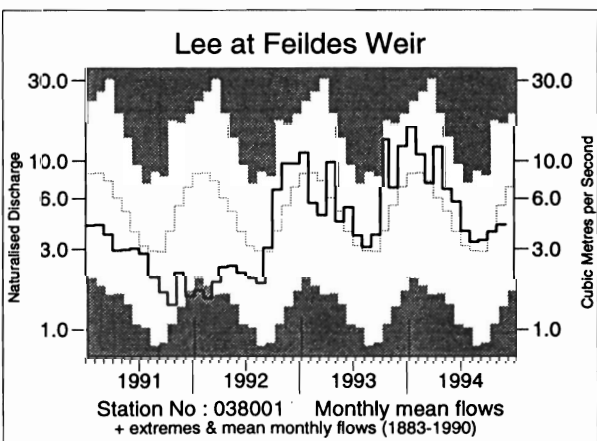
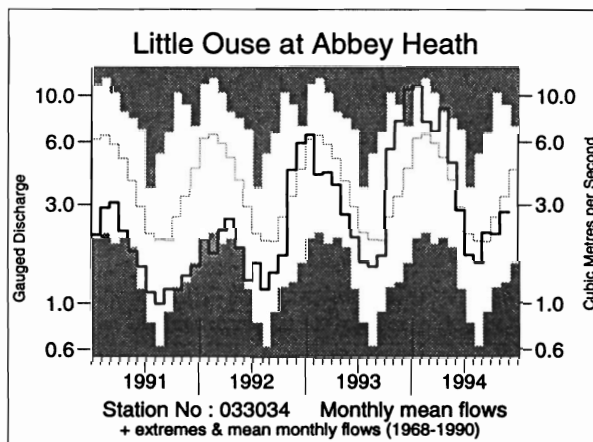
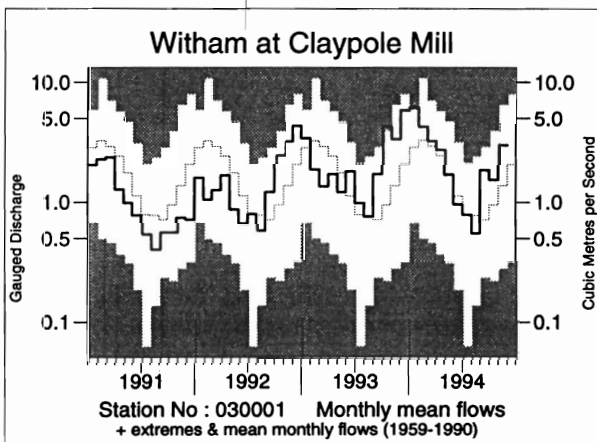
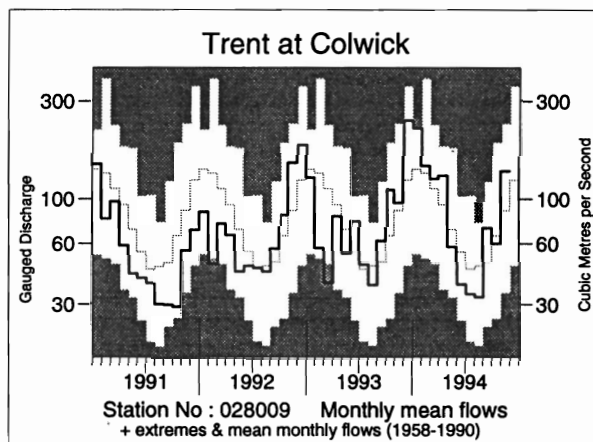
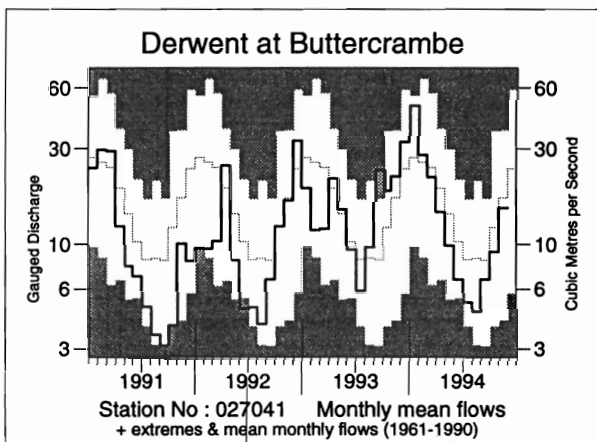
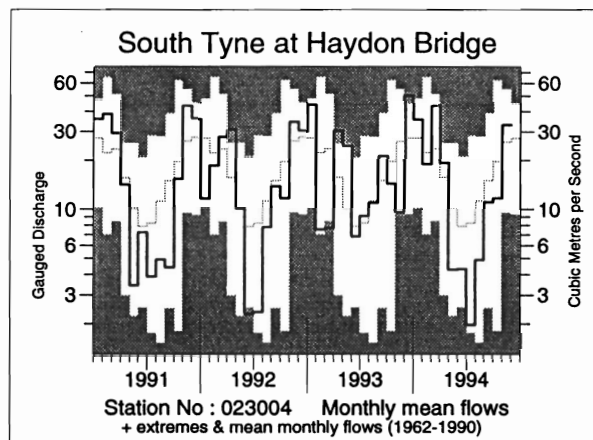
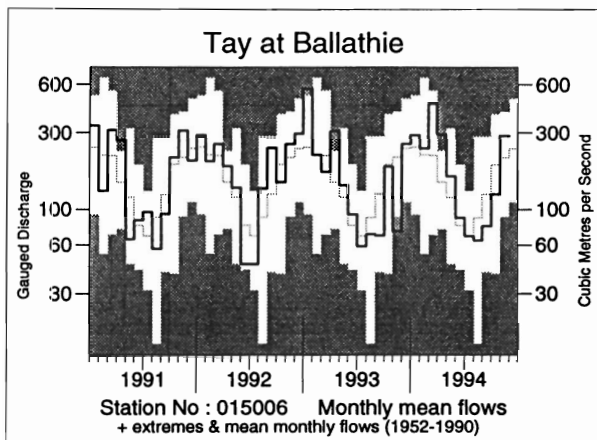
| | | Sep94-Nov94 | | May94-Nov94 | | Dec93-Nov94 | | Sep92-Nov94 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | | Est Return Period, years | | Est Return Period, years | | Est Return Period, years | | Est Return Period, years | |
| England and Wales | mm % LTA | 301 119 | <u>2-5</u> | 513 99 | 2-5 | 1055 118 | <u>10-15</u> | 2268 111 | <u>5-10</u> |
| NRA REGIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| North West | mm % LTA | 357 98 | 2-5 | 632 89 | 2-5 | 1381 115 | <u>5-10</u> | 2820 102 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Northumbria | mm % LTA | 245 104 | <u>2-5</u> | 431 86 | 2-5 | 892 105 | <u>2-5</u> | 2068 107 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Severn Trent | mm % LTA | 267 134 | <u>5-10</u> | 441 101 | <u>2-5</u> | 878 116 | <u>5-10</u> | 1894 111 | <u>5-10</u> |
| Yorkshire | mm % LTA | 263 119 | <u>2-5</u> | 446 94 | 2-5 | 898 109 | <u>2-5</u> | 2002 107 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Anglian | mm % LTA | 191 121 | <u>2-5</u> | 364 101 | <u>2-5</u> | 671 113 | <u>5-10</u> | 1597 118 | <u>25-40</u> |
| Thames | mm % LTA | 213 114 | <u>2-5</u> | 389 96 | 2-5 | 758 110 | <u>2-5</u> | 1766 113 | <u>5-10</u> |
| Southern | mm % LTA | 262 112 | <u>2-5</u> | 490 110 | <u>2-5</u> | 966 124 | <u>10-20</u> | 2092 117 | <u>10-20</u> |
| Wessex | mm % LTA | 300 128 | <u>5-10</u> | 516 110 | <u>2-5</u> | 1051 125 | <u>15-25</u> | 2223 116 | <u>10-20</u> |
| South West | mm % LTA | 393 118 | <u>2-5</u> | 674 107 | <u>2-5</u> | 1516 129 | <u>30-45</u> | 3166 118 | <u>20-35</u> |
| Welsh | mm % LTA | 406 103 | <u>2-5</u> | 683 93 | 2-5 | 1571 120 | <u>10-15</u> | 3241 107 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Scotland | mm % LTA | 383 85 | 2-5 | 690 83 | 5-10 | 1618 113 | <u>5-10</u> | 3543 107 | <u>5-10</u> |
| RIVER PURIFICATION BOARDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Highland | mm % LTA | 458 80 | 5-10 | 819 82 | 5-10 | 1942 110 | <u>5-10</u> | 4247 104 | <u>2-5</u> |
| North East | mm % LTA | 269 95 | 2-5 | 428 74 | 20-30 | 967 99 | 2-5 | 2290 103 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Tay | mm % LTA | 334 92 | 2-5 | 573 83 | 5-10 | 1386 113 | <u>5-10</u> | 3153 112 | <u>5-15</u> |
| Forth | mm % LTA | 278 82 | 2-5 | 507 78 | 2-5 | 1239 112 | <u>5-10</u> | 2774 109 | <u>5-10</u> |
| Tweed | mm % LTA | 238 86 | 2-5 | 422 74 | 15-25 | 1021 105 | <u>2-5</u> | 2363 107 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Solway | mm % LTA | 387 87 | 2-5 | 717 87 | 2-5 | 1625 114 | <u>5-10</u> | 3387 103 | <u>2-5</u> |
| Clyde | mm % LTA | 456 83 | 2-5 | 877 90 | 2-5 | 2011 119 | <u>10-20</u> | 4190 106 | <u>2-5</u> |

LTA refers to the period 1961-90.

Return period assessments are based on tables provided by the Meteorological Office*. The tables reflect rainfall totals over the period 1911-70 only and the estimate assumes a sensibly stable climate. They assume a start in a specified month; return periods for a start in any month may be expected to be an order of magnitude less - for the longest durations the return period estimates converge. "Wet" return periods underlined.

* Tabony, R.C., 1977, The Variability of long duration rainfall over Great Britain, Scientific Paper No. 37, Meteorological Office.

FIGURE 1 MONTHLY RIVER FLOW HYDROGRAPHS



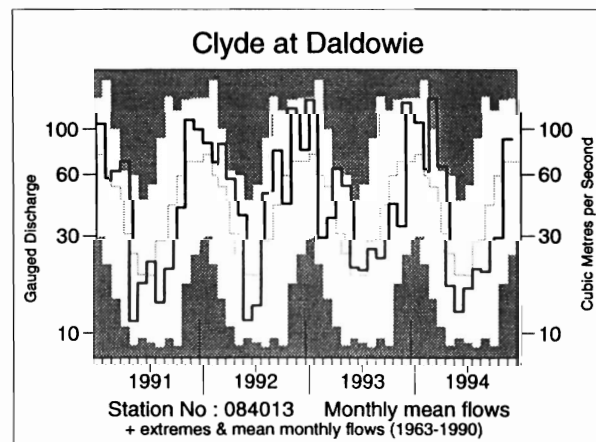
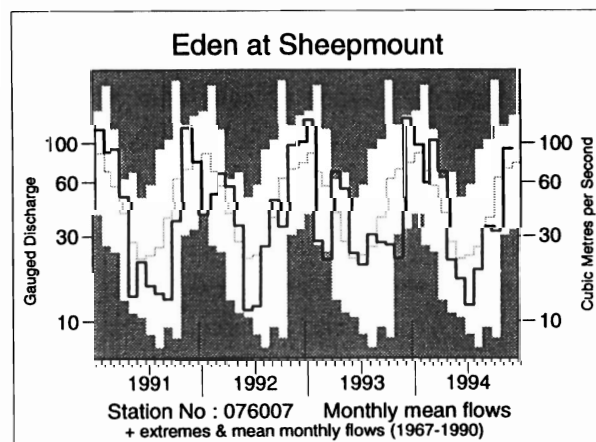
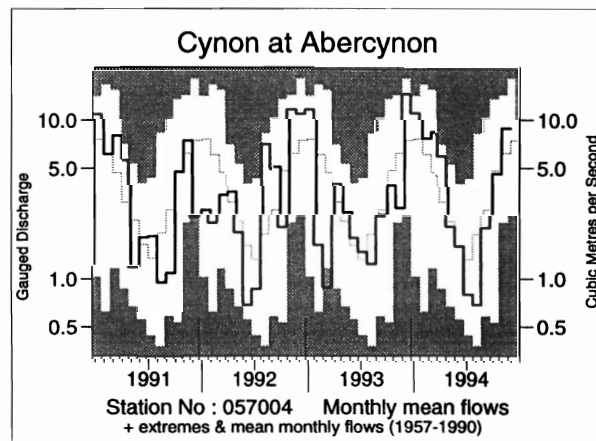
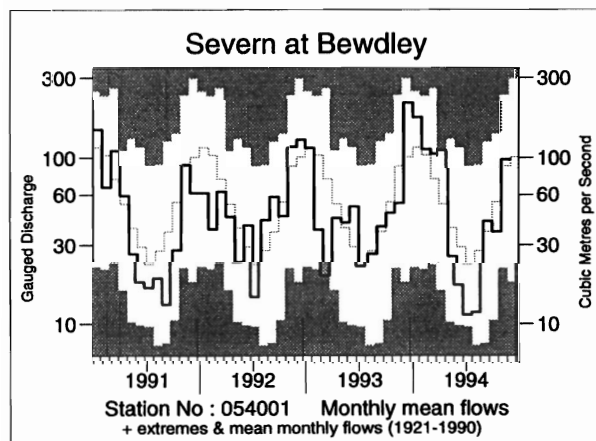
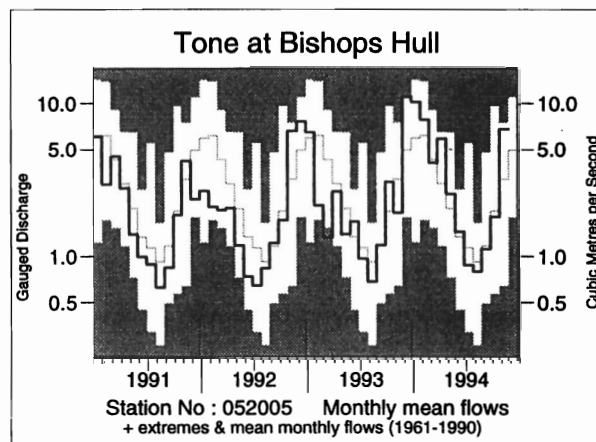
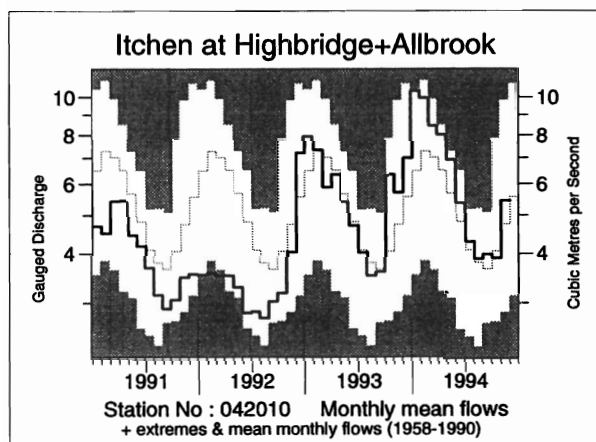
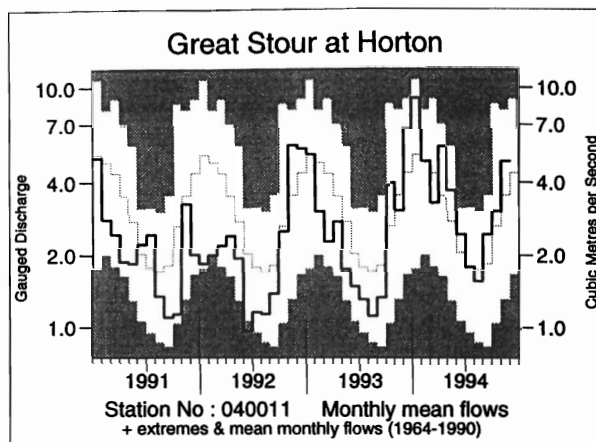
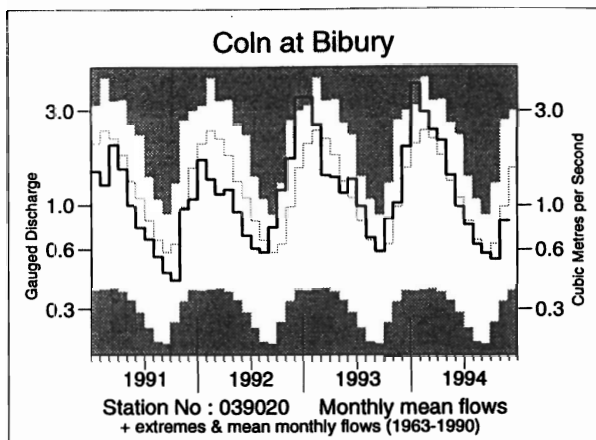


TABLE 3 RUNOFF AS MM. AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PERIOD OF RECORD AVERAGE WITH SELECTED PERIODS RANKED IN THE RECORD

| River/ Station name | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | | 9/94 to 11/94 | | 5/94 to 11/94 | | 1/94 to 11/94 | | 9/92 to 11/94 | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | 1994 | | | | | | | | | |
| | mm %LT | mm %LT | mm %LT | mm %LT | mm %LT | rank /yrs | mm %LT | rank /yrs | mm %LT | rank /yrs | mm %LT | rank /yrs | mm %LT | rank /yrs |
| Dee at Park | 16 57 | 12 38 | 29 70 | 41 52 | 86 112 | 17 /23 | 155 78 | 7 /22 | 256 72 | 4 /22 | 705 101 | 11 /22 | 1882 105 | 12 /20 |
| Tay at Ballathie | 40 99 | 37 72 | 45 63 | 72 65 | 163 135 | 34 /43 | 280 93 | 17 /42 | 501 99 | 21 /42 | 1230 124 | 39 /42 | 3033 118 | 37 /40 |
| Tweed at Boleside | 16 61 | 21 55 | 25 49 | 33 46 | 114 130 | 25 /34 | 172 83 | 10 /34 | 261 77 | 7 /34 | 736 111 | 25 /34 | 1982 115 | 29 /32 |
| Whiteadder Water at Hutton Castle | 7 54 | 6 43 | 6 41 | 8 28 | 29 78 | 11 /26 | 43 54 | 5 /26 | 79 52 | 4 /25 | 323 94 | 11 /25 | 914 106 | 14 /24 |
| South Tyne at Haydon Bridge | 7 25 | 17 45 | 38 76 | 41 60 | 114 123 | 22 /33 | 194 91 | 11 /31 | 247 73 | 5 /31 | 656 100 | 14 /31 | 1797 103 | 17 /27 |
| Wharfe at Flint Mill Weir | 9 34 | 20 51 | 44 99 | 48 76 | 113 141 | 31 /40 | 204 108 | 27 /39 | 266 85 | 10 /39 | 674 109 | 26 /39 | 1662 102 | 21 /37 |
| Derwent at Buttercrambe | 9 63 | 8 56 | 11 82 | 15 77 | 25 90 | 17 /34 | 51 83 | 13 /33 | 95 74 | 6 /33 | 281 99 | 17 /33 | 729 102 | 18 /31 |
| Trent at Colwick | 12 75 | 12 71 | 25 148 | 22 92 | 47 155 | 33 /37 | 94 132 | 27 /36 | 151 103 | 21 /36 | 366 118 | 29 /36 | 894 115 | 28 /34 |
| Lud at Louth | 17 113 | 13 101 | 13 122 | 12 105 | 14 101 | 20 /27 | 39 104 | 21 /27 | 125 116 | 16 /26 | 327 139 | 22 /26 | 642 120 | 18 /25 |
| Witham at Claypole Mill | 7 102 | 5 73 | 16 257 | 14 157 | 26 212 | 32 /36 | 56 189 | 30 /36 | 91 134 | 30 /36 | 234 140 | 33 /35 | 583 147 | 33 /34 |
| Little Ouse at Abbey Heath | 7 81 | 6 80 | 8 114 | 8 87 | 10 85 | 15 /27 | 27 90 | 17 /27 | 68 97 | 12 /27 | 194 127 | 22 /26 | 439 121 | 22 /25 |
| Colne at Lexden | 3 68 | 3 70 | 4 101 | 7 77 | 8 63 | 20 /36 | 19 72 | 18 /35 | 39 81 | 13 /35 | 129 109 | 25 /35 | 366 125 | 30 /33 |
| Lee at Feildes Weir (natr.) | 10 123 | 9 114 | 8 117 | 10 99 | 10 77 | 56 /110 | 29 93 | 63 /109 | 79 115 | 76 /109 | 195 135 | 93 /108 | 483 136 | 97 /105 |
| Thames at Kingston (natr.) | 9 98 | 8 92 | 10 113 | 10 73 | 23 104 | 71 /112 | 42 96 | 68 /112 | 96 104 | 64 /112 | 269 125 | 89 /112 | 694 130 | 100 /110 |
| Coln at Bibury | 20 97 | 16 96 | 14 98 | 13 82 | 20 83 | 15 /32 | 48 88 | 14 /31 | 143 95 | 14 /31 | 425 120 | 27 /31 | 1033 122 | 26 /29 |
| Great Ouse at Horton | 14 98 | 12 92 | 18 136 | 24 118 | 37 136 | 23 /31 | 79 127 | 24 /30 | 153 122 | 24 /29 | 326 127 | 24 /28 | 704 110 | 16 /25 |
| Itchen at Highbridge+Allbrook | 32 106 | 29 104 | 29 110 | 29 97 | 39 116 | 28 /37 | 97 108 | 27 /36 | 248 111 | 29 /36 | 513 123 | 35 /36 | 1137 113 | 29 /34 |
| Piddle at Baggs Mill | 19 108 | 16 102 | 16 104 | 19 94 | 48 168 | 27 /32 | 83 127 | 25 /31 | 190 124 | 25 /31 | 516 142 | 30 /30 | 1135 130 | 26 /27 |
| Exe at Thorverton | 12 58 | 11 37 | 43 111 | 81 110 | 165 167 | 34 /39 | 289 136 | 31 /39 | 366 114 | 29 /39 | 982 141 | 38 /38 | 2250 121 | 35 /37 |
| Taw at Umbrell Leigh | 6 37 | 5 26 | 32 133 | 65 106 | 143 153 | 30 /37 | 239 133 | 27 /36 | 286 110 | 24 /36 | 827 144 | 35 /36 | 1987 127 | 34 /34 |
| Tone at Bishops Hull | 12 78 | 11 88 | 15 96 | 24 92 | 89 205 | 33 /34 | 127 148 | 30 /34 | 203 129 | 28 /34 | 569 141 | 32 /33 | 1257 122 | 29 /32 |
| Severn at Bewdley | 7 50 | 7 42 | 25 116 | 22 68 | 58 108 | 47 /74 | 106 98 | 38 /74 | 146 81 | 25 /74 | 449 116 | 57 /73 | 1091 108 | 45 /72 |
| Teme at Knightsford Bridge | 2 29 | 2 22 | 17 195 | 11 57 | 47 143 | 19 /25 | 75 121 | 17 /25 | 96 86 | 8 /25 | 332 108 | 15 /24 | 849 108 | 14 /23 |
| Cynon at Abercynon | 20 60 | 18 34 | 52 78 | 116 97 | 218 139 | 28 /37 | 386 112 | 20 /35 | 520 98 | 19 /35 | 1341 126 | 31 /35 | 3337 117 | 26 /31 |
| Dee at New Inn | 24 37 | 51 55 | 126 96 | 158 81 | 219 89 | 12 /26 | 503 90 | 12 /26 | 683 80 | 7 /25 | 1675 108 | 16 /25 | 4090 99 | 11 /24 |
| Eden at Sheepmount | 14 55 | 23 76 | 39 91 | 38 52 | 105 123 | 15 /25 | 181 97 | 12 /24 | 264 88 | 9 /24 | 642 108 | 16 /24 | 1659 108 | 14 /20 |
| Clyde at Daldowie | 24 87 | 29 72 | 27 47 | 41 51 | 122 123 | 21 /32 | 190 82 | 11 /31 | 285 79 | 7 /31 | 808 120 | 29 /31 | 2134 118 | 28 /29 |
| Carron at New Kelso | 35 30 | 80 47 | 186 68 | 129 49 | 229 76 | 9 /16 | 544 70 | 2 /16 | 899 73 | 2 /16 | 2099 95 | 9 /16 | 5541 93 | 5 /14 |
| Ewe at Poolewe | 66 78 | 58 52 | 132 67 | 217 98 | 214 79 | 11 /25 | 563 85 | 5 /24 | 931 90 | 9 /24 | 1939 105 | 19 /24 | 5255 105 | 15 /22 |

Notes: (i) Values based on gauged flow data unless flagged (natr.), when naturalised data have been used.
(ii) Values are ranked so that lowest runoff is rank 1.
(iii) %LT means percentage of long term average from the start of the record to 1992. For the long periods (at the right of this table), the end date for the long term is 1993.

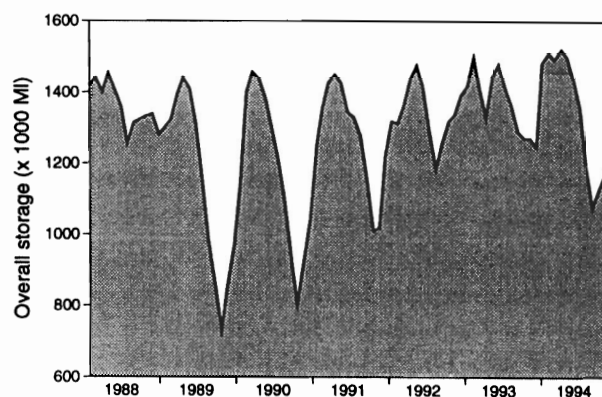
TABLE 4 START-MONTH RESERVOIR STORAGES UP TO DECEMBER 1994

| Area | Reservoir (R)/ Group (G) | Capacity● (MI) | 1994 July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | 1993 Dec | |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|
| North West | N.Command Zone ¹ | (G) | 133375 | 73 | 59 | 52 | 55 | 50 | 67 | 44 |
| | Vyrnwy | (R) | 55146 | 79 | 66 | 61 | 69 | 65 | 83 | 64 |
| Northumbria | Teesdale ² | (G) | 87936 | 72 | 54 | 46 | 51 | 53 | N/A | 69 |
| | Kielder | (R) | 199175* | 93* | 89* | 92* | 89* | 90* | 91* | 80* |
| Severn-Trent | Clywedog | (R) | 44922 | 93 | 77 | 61 | 70 | 82 | 83 | 83 |
| | Derwent Valley ³ | (G) | 39525 | 78 | 60 | 43 | 53 | 64 | 89 | 79 |
| Yorkshire | Washburn ⁴ | (G) | 22035 | 68 | 53 | 40 | 42 | 52 | 73 | 59 |
| | Bradford supply ⁵ | (G) | 41407 | 66 | 49 | 38 | 48 | 57 | 74 | 76 |
| Anglian | Grafham | (R) | 58707 | 94 | 88 | 83 | 88 | 89 | 95 | 93 |
| | Rutland | (R) | 130061 | 93 | 89 | 86 | 87 | 86 | 93 | 88 |
| Thames | London ⁶ | (G) | 207569 | 86 | 83 | 77 | 83 | 85 | 89 | 88 |
| | Farmoor ⁷ | (G) | 13843 | 95 | 98 | 96 | 97 | 99 | 96 | 99 |
| Southern | Bowl | (R) | 28170 | 98 | 92 | 88 | 86 | 83 | 85 | 82 |
| | Ardingly | (R) | 4685 | 100 | 93 | 85 | 82 | 80 | 90 | 100 |
| Wessex | Clatworthy | (R) | 5364 | 85 | 68 | 54 | 48 | 53 | 100 | 68 |
| | Bristol W ⁸ | (G) | 38666* | 85* | 71* | 61* | 55* | 52* | 71* | 60* |
| South West | Colliford | (R) | 28540 | 87 | 78 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 75 | 88 |
| | Roadford ⁹ | (R) | 34500 | 87 | 79 | 67 | 65 | 66 | 69 | 78 |
| | Wimbleball ¹⁰ | (R) | 21320 | 92 | 77 | 60 | 57 | 64 | 80 | 82 |
| | Stithians | (R) | 5205 | 82 | 69 | 57 | 50 | 50 | 66 | 100 |
| Welsh | Celyn + Brenig | (G) | 131155 | 94 | 78 | 66 | 71 | 75 | 86 | 84 |
| | Brianne | (R) | 62140 | 90 | 81 | 72 | 71 | 83 | 99 | 95 |
| | Big Five ¹¹ | (G) | 69762 | 89 | 70 | 58 | 62 | 66 | 83 | 84 |
| | Elan Valley ¹² | (G) | 99106 | 91 | 77 | 62 | 67 | 83 | 99 | 99 |
| Lothian | Edin./Mid Lothian | (G) | 97639 | 84 | 79 | 73 | 71 | 69 | 85 | 78 |
| | West Lothian | (G) | 5613 | 77 | 64 | 52 | 45 | 38 | 66 | 100 |
| | East Lothian | (G) | 10206 | 86 | 76 | 66 | 56 | 57 | 70 | 87 |

● Live or usable capacity (unless indicated otherwise) * Gross storage/percentage of gross storage

1. Includes Haweswater, Thirlmere, Stocks and Barnacre.
2. Cow Green, Selset, Grassholme, Balderhead, Blackton and Hurynn.
3. Howden, Derwent and Ladybower.
4. Swinsty, Fewston, Thruscross and Eccup.
5. The Nidd/Barden group (Scar House, Angram, Upper Barden, Lower Barden and Chelker) plus Grimwith.
6. Lower Thames (includes Queen Mother, Wraysbury, Queen Mary, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II) and Lee Valley (includes King George and William Girling) groups - pumped storages.
7. Farmoor 1 and 2 - pumped storages.
8. Blagdon, Chew Valley and others.
9. Roadford began filling in November 1989.
10. Shared between South West (river regulation for abstraction) and Wessex (direct supply).
11. Usk, Talybont, Llandegfedd (pumped storage), Taf Fechan, Taf Fawr.
12. Claerwen, Caban Coch, Pen y Garreg and Craig Goch.

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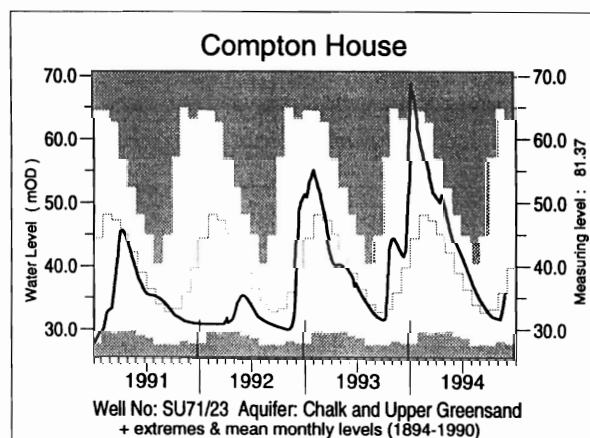
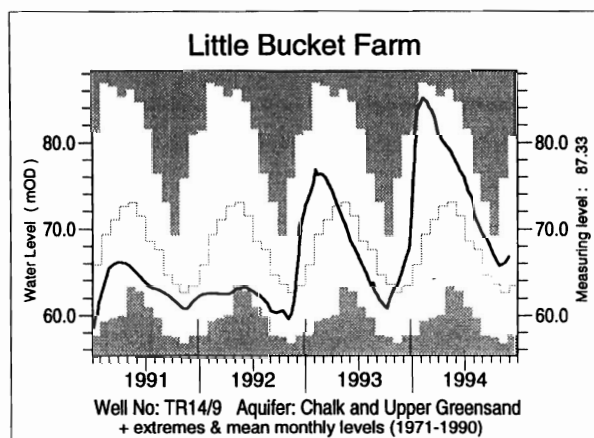
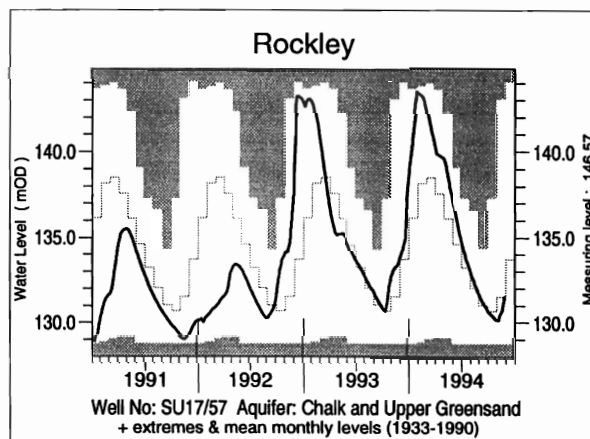
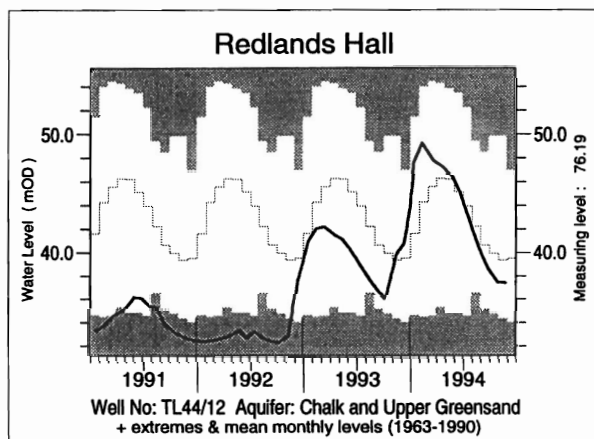
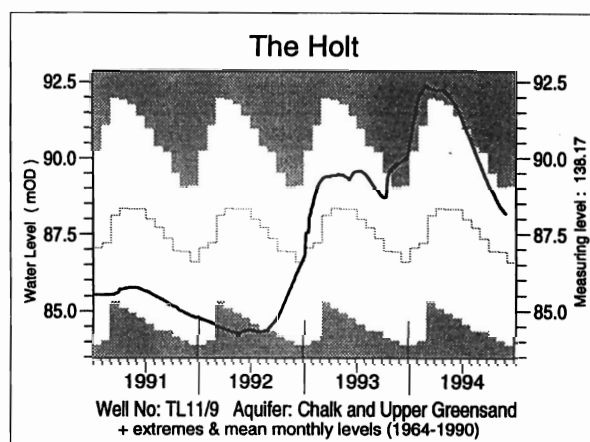
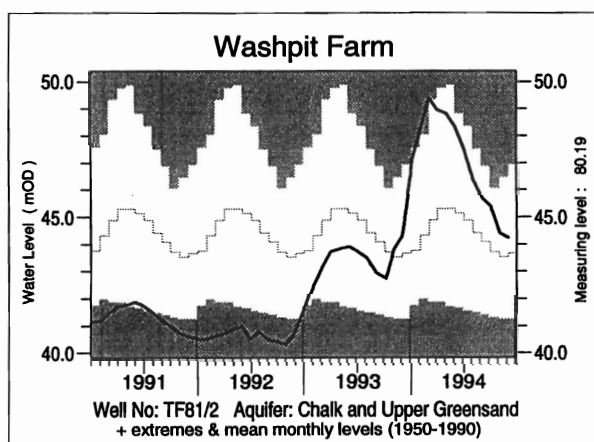
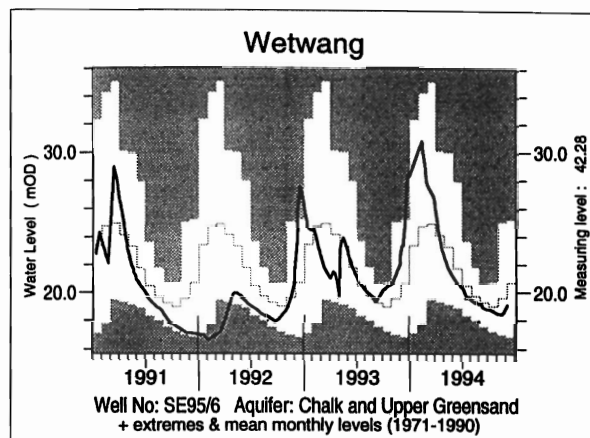
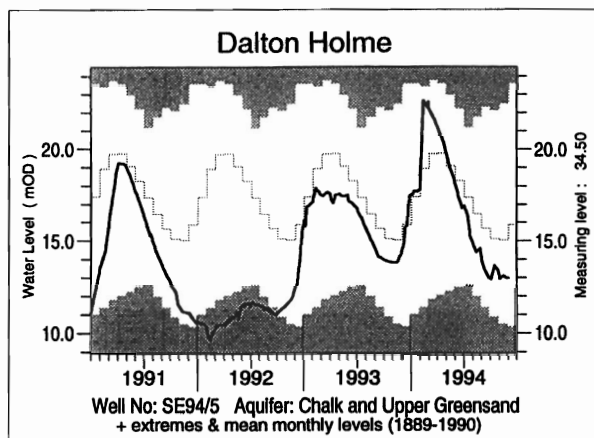


This plot is based on the reservoirs featured in Table 4 only.

Note: Variations in storage depend on the balance between inputs (from catchment rainfall and any pumping) and outputs (to supply, compensation flow, HEP, amenity). There will be additional losses due to evaporation, especially in the summer months. Operational strategies for making the most efficient use of water stocks will further affect reservoir storages. Table 4 provides a link between the hydrological conditions described elsewhere in the report and the water resources situation.

Teesdale capacities were unavailable at the beginning of this month. The reservoir plot reflects the incomplete figures.

FIGURE 2 GROUNDWATER LEVEL HYDROGRAPHS



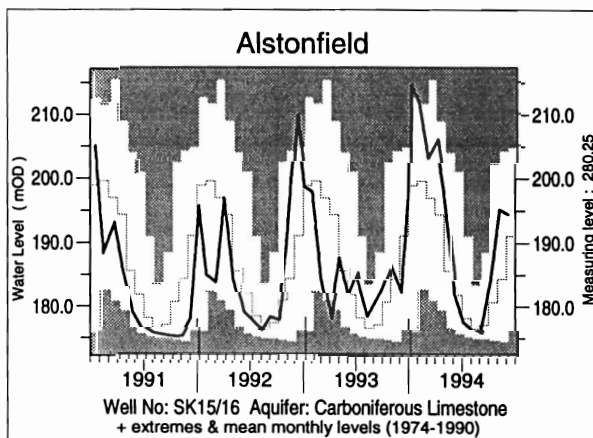
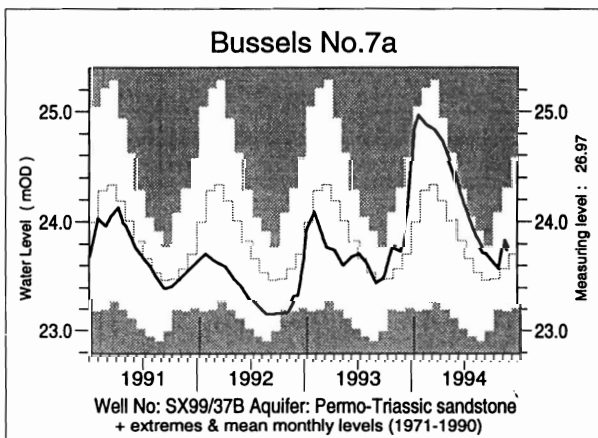
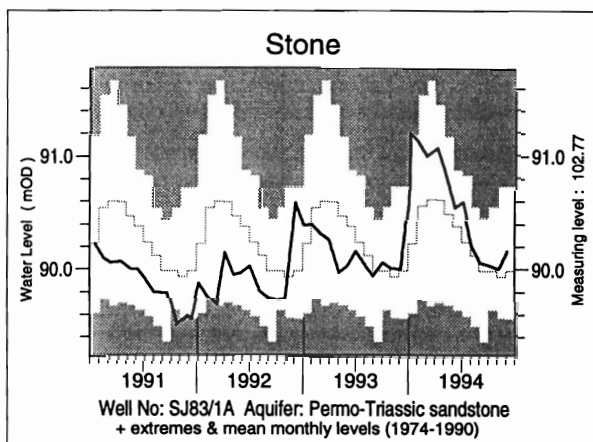
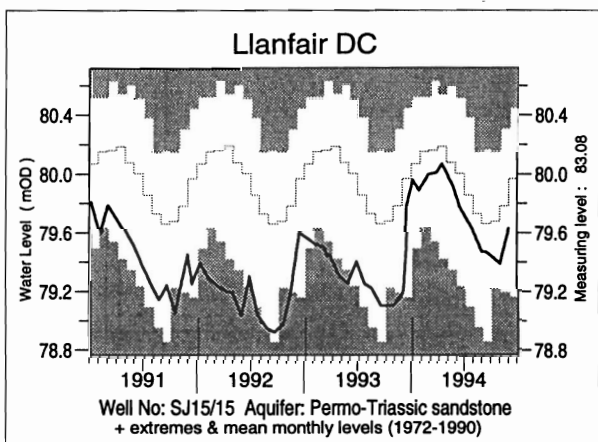
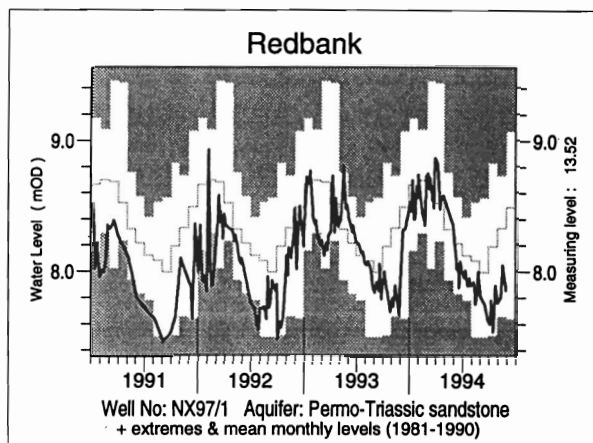
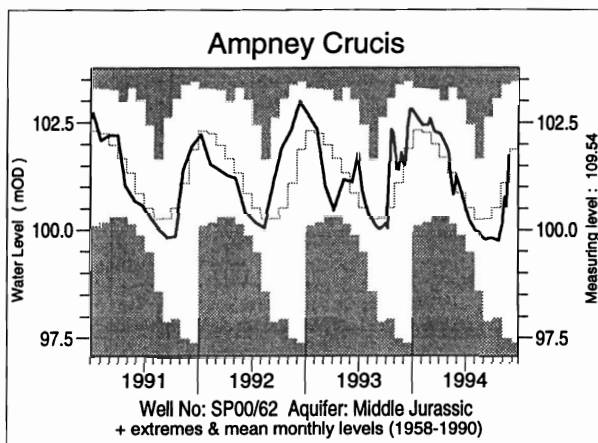
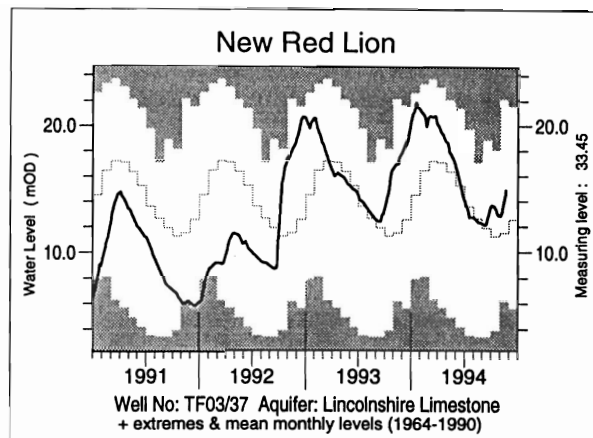
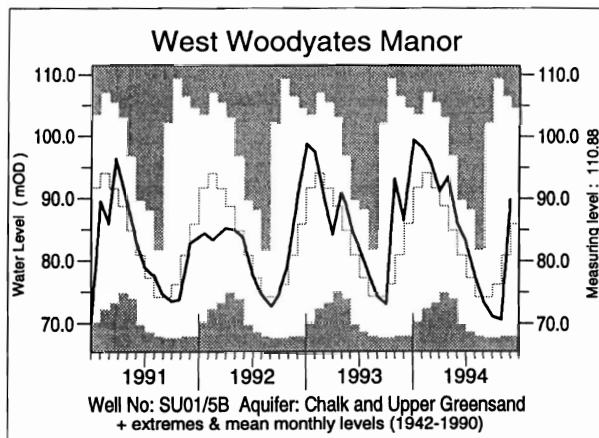


TABLE 5 A COMPARISON OF NOVEMBER GROUNDWATER LEVELS: 1993 AND 1994

| Site | Aquifer | Records commence | Minimum Nov | Average Nov | Maximum Nov | November 1993 | | Nov/Dec 1994 | |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | | | < 1994 | < 1994 | < 1994 | day | level | day | level |
| Dalton Holme | C & UGS | 1889 | 10.49 | 14.96 | 22.53 | 30/11 | 14.51 | 01/12 | 12.6 |
| Wetwang | C & UGS | 1971 | 17.01 | 19.84 | 25.11 | 30/11 | 20.62 | 01/12 | 19.11 |
| Washpit Farm | C & UGS | 1950 | 40.30 | 43.24 | 46.47 | 01/11 | 43.80 | 01/12 | 44.23 |
| The Holt | C & UGS | 1964 | 84.04 | 86.97 | 89.87 | 29/11 | 89.87 | 27/11 | 88.16 |
| Therfield Rectory | C & UGS | 1883 | dry <71.6 | 78.38 | 96.42 | 29/11 | 77.77 | 01/12 | 78.65 |
| Redlands Hall | C & UGS | 1964 | 32.71 | 38.62 | 49.90 | 12/11 | 39.81 | 25/11 | 37.40 |
| Rockley | C & UGS | 1933 | dry <128.44 | 131.58 | 143.12 | 28/11 | 133.72 | 27/11 | 131.50 |
| Little Bucket Farm | C & UGS | 1971 | 56.77 | 62.76 | 75.89 | 26/11 | 65.19 | 29/11 | 66.79 |
| Farm | | | | | | | | | |
| Compton House | C & UGS | 1984 | 28.22 | 36.64 | 64.98 | 25/11 | 42.42 | 24/11 | 35.77 |
| Chilgrove House | C & UGS | 1836 | 33.97 | 46.07 | 76.51 | 25/11 | 50.36 | 24/11 | 48.11 |
| Westdean No.3 | C & UGS | 1940 | 1.17 | 1.71 | 4.26 | 26/11 | 1.60 | 25/11 | 2.06 |
| Lime Kiln Way | C & UGS | 1969 | 123.70 | 124.77 | 125.39 | 30/11 | 124.57 | 29/11 | 125.40 |
| Ashton Farm | C & UGS | 1974 | 63.10 | 65.98 | 69.85 | 29/11 | 68.99 | 30/11 | 70.26 |
| West Woodyates Manor | C & UGS | 1942 | 67.90 | 80.66 | 106.35 | 29/11 | 86.40 | 30/11 | 89.82 |
| Killyglen (NI) | C & UGS | 1985 | 113.68 | 115.84 | 118.84 | 30/11 | 114.35 | 13/11 | 117.20 |
| New Red Lion | LLst | 1964 | 5.90 | 11.87 | 22.06 | 22/11 | 17.37 | 21/11 | 14.88 |
| Ampney Crucis | Mid Jur | 1958 | 97.48 | 101.18 | 103.37 | 28/11 | 101.58 | 27/11 | 101.73 |
| Yew Tree Farm | PTS | 1973 | 11.69 | 13.33 | 13.64 | 30/11 | 13.57 | 05/12 | 13.68 |
| Llanfair D.C | PTS | 1972 | 79.18 | 79.62 | 80.30 | 26/11 | 79.18 | 01/12 | 79.63 |
| Morris Dancers | PTS | 1969 | 31.81 | 32.51 | 33.57 | 09/11 | 32.02 | 07/11 | 32.46 |
| Weeford Flats | PTS | 1966 | dry <88.61 | 89.84 | 91.26 | 01/11 | 88.91 | 06/12 | 89.99 |
| Stone | PTS | 1974 | 89.56 | 89.97 | 90.72 | 01/11 | 90.01 | 06/12 | 90.16 |
| Skirwith | PTS | 1978 | 129.55 | 129.89 | 130.13 | 30/11 | 129.90 | 28/11 | 130.13 |
| Redbank | PTS | 1981 | 7.65 | 8.24 | 8.72 | 27/11 | 7.66 | 29/11 | 7.85 |
| Bussels No.7A | PTS | 1972 | 23.17 | 23.56 | 24.30 | 25/11 | 23.73 | 24/11 | 23.74 |
| Rushyford NE | MgLst | 1967 | 64.83 | 71.97 | 76.52 | 30/11 | 76.30 | 22/11 | 76.11 |
| Peggy Ellerton | MgLst | 1968 | 31.26 | 33.77 | 35.65 | 04/11 | 31.98 | 16/11 | 33.44 |
| Alstonfield | CLst | 1974 | 174.22 | 184.89 | 203.93 | 01/11 | 186.46 | 07/12 | 194.03 |

groundwater levels are in metres above Ordnance Datum

C & UGS
LLst
PTS

Chalk and Upper Greensand
Lincolnshire Limestone
Permo-Triassic sandstones

Mid Jur
MgLst
CLst

Middle Jurassic limestones
Magnesian Limestone
Carboniferous Limestone

FIGURE 3 LOCATION MAP OF GAUGING STATIONS AND GROUNDWATER INDEX WELLS

